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**Reply to Office Communication under 37 C.F.R. § 1.143**

Dear Sir:

In reply to the Office Action, mailed June 20, 2005, Applicants provisionally elect Group IV, claims 6-12 drawn to a method of modulating expression of a target gene using compound of formula I, II and III, with traverse. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the Requirement for Restriction, or in the alternative, modification of the Restriction Requirement to allow prosecution of more than one group of claims designated by the examiner in the present Application, for the reasons provided herein. Applicants reserve the right to file divisional applications directed to the subject matter of the non-elected claims of Groups I, II, III, V, VI, and VII.